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PREDICT TWO DOLLAR WHEAT

The brokers and speculators having had any fear of further government investigation of wheat prices removed, went to bat again Saturday and wheat went up four cents. This was partly accounted for by the stopping of the investigation, but principally on account of reports from all parts of the world showing a wheat shortage. Despite fervent denial by Canadians that there was a shortage, the fact is evident that there is; and the Canadian story is largely for effect. It is to England's interest to keep the prices down and the Canadians are patriotic.

That there is a shortage in the United States of somewhere near 300,000,000 bushels is conceded, and so reported by the agricultural department. This is partly offset by a hold-over from last year's bumper crop estimated at between 150,000,000 and 200,000,000 bushels. However with this hold-over there is a shortage in this country of above 100,000,000 bushels.

The latest reports from Manitoba show not only a shortage but practically a failure. In many localities the farmers have discovered that the crop is not worth harvesting and are burning the fields in order to clear the land for next year. One farmer reports his fields turning off 10 bushels to the acre and this only 43 pounds to the bushel. In many sections the farmers are reported as being alarmed for fear there will not be sufficient wheat fit for seed and that this will have to be imported. This will have to be bought in the United States. Reports from England are that a very poor crop is being harvested and that is being damaged by rainy weather.

In Chicago the feeling is that wheat is to make a record price; the conservatives placing it at \$1.75 per bushel while other say \$2.00 wheat is a certainty.

The advance in Chicago has sent prices kiting on the coast. At Walla Walla Saturday sales were reported at \$1.15 for bluestem and \$1.10 for club. At Pendleton an offer of \$1.07 1-2 was refused for club. At Portland prices jumped, club being quoted at \$1.17, forty-fold at \$1.18, and bluestem at \$1.20.

The most pleasing, as well as the most rare feature of the advance is that it came while the farmers have at least half their crops on hand, instead of after they had sold practically all.

Generally when prices go up for wheat it is after the speculators have corralled the crop, and the public kicks against high prices for the reason that they are in a sense fictitious, and like the average panic created for the occasion. This time a good part of the money will go where it belongs to the men who grew the grain. That being the case the public will instead of being sore rejoice that for once the wheat grower is getting his just dues—the real value of his crop.

We can all afford to pay a little more for our bread, as a contribution to the general prosperity it will bring the farmers. A few seasons of that kind and the talk of rural credits and other schemes to help the farmer would no longer be heard in the land. Instead of being a borrower he would be a lender, and this is what he really should be.

Mr. Hughes in his speech at San Francisco Saturday said among other things: "You can't make wages out of turmoil. The first thing a man needs, who depends on wages is a chance to work." Is this an intimation that if he was president he would insist that railroad presidents were philanthropists in refusing to make any concessions to labor? That the chance to work is all they are entitled to? That they must concede everything to avoid turmoil. If not what does he mean?

On top of big wheat prices, the Willamette Valley has just completed harvesting its banner hay crop. From Sheridan comes an estimate that in a fifty mile square area of southern Yamhill county, at least 30,000 tons of hay were raised, and that the price runs from \$10 to \$11 a ton. According to this estimate the crop of the valley should be worth several million dollars this year.

CLARK OPENS CAMPAIGN

Champ Clark opened the democratic campaign in Maine Saturday, and told some of the things the democrats have done in their three years of power. The list is a good one and one of which the party may well feel proud. Speaking of Hughes' criticisms of President Wilson; Speaker Clark frankly admitted that the president had made mistakes just as every other president had, and just as Mr. Hughes will if elected. Presidents are only human and therefore liable to err, but President Wilson's mistakes have not been serious, and against them Mr. Clark pointed to his achievements. He has had a difficult task due to conditions in Europe, but he has performed it wisely and well, and deserves the indorsement of the whole country. Just now he has one of the greatest strikes that ever threatened the country to control if he can, and he certainly is showing good judgment and great tact in trying to bring the warring elements together. If he succeeds it will be one of his crowning achievements, and if he fails it will be because the railroad presidents are determined to force the strike. The men have agreed to accept anything that is thought fair by the president, but so far the roads are not willing to submit the matter to his judgment. He is taking no sides but simply trying to bring the factions to some mutual agreement. In this he is showing the same wisdom that has generally been shown by him. He has made mistakes, of course, but is there any American citizen who has not done the same thing?

When Portland grabs that money appropriated by congress for roads on reservations and builds an auto road around Mount Hood, she will be so gorged with scenery that she won't look at common folks. Douglas county could use the entire amount to good purpose and where it would be of real benefit to the state. Scenic roads are all right when we can afford them, but just now the state's crying need is roads that will open up agricultural lands and make them productive. It is an example of the good roads faddist at his best, which means his worst. To Portland it no doubt seems the correct thing, but to the balance of the state it savors of what our Portland contemporaries call "pork."

Have you made that reservation for the trip to Marshfield and the Coos Bay country? The time is drawing nigh, and if you can possibly go you will not only have a splendid outing but you will meet some of the biggest and broadest minded citizens in the state. Besides this you will help lay the foundation for business relations in the future and cement the friendship between the Capital City and the coming entrepot of Southern Oregon and the Willamette valley.

The peach crop is short in the northwest and prices are correspondingly high. One grower who lives north of the city told a Capital Journal man Saturday that a lot he sent to Portland brought 90 cents the small box. So the story goes about all farm products, and if the farmers are not on easy street by the time snow would fly if it snowed in this country, it will be because they raised but little of anything.

When you think it is a deer, but can't be sure, have another think to the effect that you have no business shooting at it until you know. If hunters could rig themselves up in the present style of woman's dress there would be no danger of mistaking each other for a deer or anything else except a dry goods emporium with the awnings down.

Mr. Hughes says he is "the foe of invisible rule," what ever that is. That may account for his abandoning his seat on the supreme bench and getting out of the business of making laws for the country that it did not want and that the court had no right to make; the Danbury Hatters case for instance and that land grant decision.



CANDIDATES

I'd rather pack a hod of bricks clear up a ladder nine miles long, than fuss around in politics, when summer heat is blazing strong. A candidate comes up to me, and hands me out his little card; "I'm out for coroner," says he, "and need your vote, you old fat bard. Your influence I now beseech; I wish you'd boost me to your friends, and tell them all that I'm a peach, pursuing patriotic ends." I'd rather whack a span of steers, or dig long ditches in the earth, than drum into the people's ears a yarn about my sterling worth. I'd rather take a mop and swab the scuppers of a guano ship than beg the voters for a job, and of my shining merits yip. Of all the triesome, boresome skates we daily meet, at every vest, the button-holing candidates are easily the rancid worst. How beautiful upon the hills, that member of the working clan, who hews or weaves or saws or tills, and asks no help of any man!



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STATE NEWS

McMinnville Telephone-Registers: On Monday J. C. Pennington began his 49th year as a threeheman of Yamhill county grain. Of this period he has been with the machine 47 years, and has been owner of a machine for 25 years. He has made some wonderfully long runs. He holds the longest record in this county of any one owning a machine, and probably a record un-equaled in the state. Grain this year, so far as possible, is turning out fine. Duerst Bros. had a yield of 45 bushels. Henry Lelanders 30, M. Mitchell about 30, R. B. McDonald 30, and Frank Stout thinks the average will be about 20. W. S. Houek, the miller, says he believes the average will be as high as 30 bushels, and that this is a better wheat year than last by five to 10 bushels per acre.

Oregon City: Owing to low water in the Willamette river, which is two months later than usual, owing to the continued heavy rains, the grinding machines of the Crown, Willamette paper mill, 45 in number, will practically cease operation by the last of the week, half the number being now out of commission. The grinders will resume about November 1, when high water prevails. While some men are being laid off, the company announces that at least 85 per cent of all affected are taken care of in other departments. The remainder will spend the intervening enforced vacation in the hop and harvest fields, or in doing necessary work around their homes.

Albany Democrat: No prettier water agate was ever gotten out of agate bench, Newport, than one J. G. Crawford recently took from the Willamette's bank this side of Corvallis. He has had it polished and it certainly is a gem. Within a month or two he has found four fine water agates along the Willamette. Mr. Crawford has demonstrated the fact that we have some of the finest agates to be found right at home. Among some pretty ones are several he discovered near Brownsville the other day.

Down at Newberg the loganberry juice factory has extracted 45,000 gallons of juice, and is now preparing the same for marketing in bottles. The plant is a good one, well equipped, and the process is more extensive than any of us would think. Besides the mashing the juice is passed up and down and through the machinery and vats as often as the times, cooked, clarified and pasteurized. The final act is the placing of the labels on the bottle by a neat little machine with a capacity of 38 labels per minute.

Oregon's bees will manufacture \$90,000 worth of honey this year, according to estimates of O. P. Hoff, state labor commissioner, who has just completed a survey of the bee industry of Oregon. Mr. Hoff's investigation shows that there are approximately 60,000 colonies in the state and they will produce an average of 15 pounds of surplus honey to the colony. Estimating that each colony contains 2000 bees, Oregon's honey bee population is 120,000,000.

The run of salmon in the Rogue river this year is the greatest ever known in the history of the place. R. L. Macleay who was here yesterday from Wedderburn says that his concern, the Wedderburn trading company, will have its record year. The company has raised the price of fish. The fishermen now get \$1.25 each for salmon when they use the company's nets and \$1.50 each when they furnished their own nets. The fishing season closes August 25 and opens again on September 10.

Read Bulletin: As a result of meetings held here on Thursday and Monday nights a final decision concerning lines for a division of Crook county has been made. It agreed to by the west side, and the support necessary to obtain the statutory 35 per cent vote is promised, division will be proceeded with. Otherwise a return will be made to the county seat removal plan.

According to the latest figures, the highest prices paid per thousand feet for raw material by any industry in the state of Oregon was by the manufacturers of vehicles and vehicle parts. Only small quantities and highest grades are used. This covers not only the manufacture but the repair of wagons, carriages and automobiles, and includes the local demand only.

The Oregon Co-operative Creamery association has completed its organization. Enough creameries have been signed up and enough capital stock subscribed to insure the operation of the associations on a firm business basis. It is expected that through the work of the association the marketing of butter and other creamery products will be more equitable and satisfactory.

Ashland Tidings: O. Gussafson, who resides at 389 Granite street, has an idea that he would and could trap purrels. He set a trap and blithly sauntered out the next morning expecting to find a fuzzy squirrel. Instead he found a skunk. He says that any one who is collecting a menagerie or who would care for a skunk for any purpose may have it by calling at his house and taking it away.

Corvallis, Oregon—Several prominent farmers of Benton county, who

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THE PAPER SITUATION

(Oregon City Enterprise)
As a result of a series of meetings of the newspaper publishers of Philadelphia, called to consider the serious situation confronting them, caused by what are practically famine conditions in the news print paper market, the following agreement was unanimously reached:
"All daily, evening and Sunday newspapers will immediately reduce the size of their issues to the extent of a total not in excess of eighty pages weekly."
"That, beginning September 1 next, the accepting from wholesale purchasers of unsold copies of all morning, evening and Sunday newspapers will be discontinued. Hereafter this privilege has been granted to newsboys, news agents, news stands and carriers."
At these meetings facts and figures were submitted showing that the mills have been unable to supply the enormous increased demand for white paper. Not only have the mills been unable to lay in a reserve stock during the summer months, as in former years, but at the present time they are below their normal supply. So serious has the situation become, it was pointed out, that unless drastic reduction of consumption was enforced, some of the newspapers throughout the country would be confronted with possible suspension of publication.
The situation outlined by the Philadelphia publishers is country-wide and almost every day the newspapers of some town in the United States agree to reduce the size of their papers and to prevent the return of unsold copies. The price of white news stock means that the big city dailies must cut the size of their paper. The 20- and 24-page daily is doomed if the price of white paper continues.
But what if the big city daily is compelled to cut the number of its pages? Who has time to read all of a 20-page paper and where is the city in the United States which can fill up a 20-page paper with properly condensed, clean, well written news?

THE TATTLER

Bring on your Baby Beavers.
Love is the name of the gentle spirit who planned the recently frustrated wholesale escape of prisoners from the penitentiary.
An appearance of dignity is sometimes caused by a stiff neck. It is not well to believe everything we see.
Were it not for the fact that opinions as to personal beauty vary greatly it is probable that the sensitive portion of the general population would have died long ago.
Not a bad idea, that of certain merchants who give away a package of sachet powder with each purchase. Enables their customers to save a cent or two.
Andrew Carnegie Failing
Bar Harbor, Maine, Aug. 21.—Apparently in feeble condition, Andrew Carnegie, steel magnate today was off Mount Desert island in his yacht, The Surf, for a few days stay. His weakened condition was plainly noticeable when he came ashore for an automobile ride.
Carnegie told friends he did not "feel sick but only tired." A physician is constantly within call and attendants are on hand to assist the Laird of Skibo.

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